



BCREA Newsletter



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Broward County Retired Educators' Association

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Menish Sells Volunteer Opportunities at Museum of Discovery and Science

Sharon Menish, Volunteer Coordinator for the Museum of Discovery and Science, appropriately hails from the "Volunteer State" of Tennessee! She feels right at home with BCREA since her family is all involved in teaching. Her daughter has been a Broward elementary teacher for 18 years and her son received his PhD in Tokyo and teaches at a university there. Her mission at the April meeting was to enlist volunteers for the Museum, which is now the largest in the state of Florida



with many repeat visitors. There are many different opportunities for volunteers, from working in the gift shop to being an animal han-

dler and teaching in the various areas. The first floor is a play area for the under-7 crowd and also has animal displays. The 2nd floor has 2 new exhibits - Aviation, which includes "Max Flight," a new ride; and "Grossology, the (Impolite) Science of the Human Body." The 3rd floor houses the offices - known as the quiet floor - for those who prefer office work to hands-on assignments.

The best part about being a volunteer at the Museum is the many "perks" - including a 20% discount at the gift shop, free parking at the

city car park across from the Museum, and free admission to all the I-Max movies! Quoting the late Princess Diana, Sharon says, "Everyone has the potential to give something back." Most volunteers serve a 4-hour shift once a week, but they will be flexible on that. She brought volunteer application forms with 2 free admission tickets attached. **John Drag** won I-Max tickets for having the closest upcoming birthday! For more information visit their website at <http://www.mods.org/> or call Sharon at 954-713-0921.

May 6 Meeting

Time: 12:00

Place: Deicke Auditorium

Address: 5701 Cypress Road
Plantation

(1 block off Broward at Royal Palm)

Program: Scholarship Awards
Installation of New Officers

Bring to meeting:
Potluck Dish (Extra Big!)
FREF Silent Auction Items
Service Hours Reports
Campbells labels
Aluminum pull-tabs
General Mills labels
Old eyeglasses & Cellphones
Books/Magazines for VA



Nancy Harvey Says "Good-bye"



Bright Star Credit Union's **Nancy Harvey** has been attending BCREA meetings for the past 8 years. She's also been the chief decorator for the February Scholarship Luncheons for several of those years, providing Teddy

bear centerpieces and helium balloons through the generosity of Bright Star. But all good things must end. Nancy and her family are moving back to her home town of San Diego, CA. She has accepted a position with the Mission Federal Credit Union, which is also affiliated with the schools system there. She will be missed.



President's Corner

Hi Everyone,

May has finally arrived! Our next meeting will take place in October! [Though the District Meeting will take place in Palm Beach County, September 21st, 2010.]

I must say the year has gone by quickly. I want to thank the members of the Board for making the Presidency of BCREA a pleasure and not so much a chore! That actually means... in BCREA everyone helps out, which makes our goals easily attained through individual and group effort. I would also like to thank the members of BCREA who supported our projects throughout the year!

This last meeting should be fun in that we will be able to see the results of our hard work. **Rosetta Watkins** will present the 5th Grader Essay Contest winner; **Beverly Hoppe** will present the Scholarship Committee's choices for BCREA Scholarships; and **Frances Smoot** will present the FREF Scholarships! All of our winners are allowed to bring guests, so we should have quite a large group.

At the MAY 6th meeting we will also be installing these new BCREA officers for 2010/2011:

PRESIDENT: Margarite Falconer

VICE-PRESIDENT: Barbara Morningstar

SECRETARY: Judy Joseph

TREASURER: Marelise LeClerc

I look forward to their leadership and the fine job they will do for BCREA!

See you at the October 6th, 2010 meeting at Deicke Auditorium.

Linda



Community Service

Chairman: Darcia Drago
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Guidelines for Coupon Cutters

Our coupons go to service personnel & their families in non-combat areas overseas. They are redeemable at the PX.

➔ Coupons that are expired (up to 6 months beyond their redemption date in the US) are still accepted overseas. So save them over the summer & bring them to our October meeting.

➔ Coupons should be manufacturer's coupons that are not specific to redemption at a particular store. (No Wal-Mart, Publix, Target, etc.)

➔ If you are a coupon clipper, please cut the coupons out completely.

➔ If you want to go "the extra mile", which would be greatly appreciated, sort the coupons into food & non

-food categories. (pet food coupons should go into the non-food pile.) Label the envelope or bag containing the coupons "food" or "non-food" so they don't end up getting sorted a second time. . .

➔ Remember to report the time you spend cutting & sorting coupons as community service hours.

➔ Our coupons go to the American Legion Auxiliary in Margate where they are tallied for their monetary value & then shipped overseas at no cost to BCREA. Each year they send us a letter of appreciation.

If you have any questions, please call me at 954-977-7247 or e-mail me at darbob2007@aol.com.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORTS!!!

Darcy



Literacy

Chairman: Rosetta Watkins
954-584-8719 mamarowat@aol.com



The Literacy Committee, **Thomacita Bryant, Jean Childers, Madeline Martin** and I, would like to thank all of you for your support and donations of books to our projects this year.

The winner of the Fifth Grade Essay has been invited

to our May meeting to read her essay and have lunch. Hopefully she along with her parent(s) and her teacher can attend.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER AND BE SAFE.

Rosetta

Vice-President's Corner

Don't forget to bring some items to be sold at the country store in St. Petersburg. We don't get the profits but the total goes for scholarships. For those of you who have some great hobbies and would like to share with the group, please bring the items to the May meeting. I will take them to the assembly to show off our members' creative genes! Have a great summer. See you in October (some sooner!)

Margarite



Membership...

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slochrie@bellsouth.net

Chairman: Susan Lochrie



Passages



Time to Pay your Dues for 2010 - 2011!

Beginning at the March meeting, dues for the 2010 - 2011 club year may be paid at meetings or mailed using the form below to note any changes to your contact information.

The total annual state and local dues are \$45.00. **BCREA will forward the state dues of \$30.00 to FREA.** You will receive a membership card from the FREA and your name will be on the Broward County Retired Educators Association mailing list and listed in the BCREA Directory. The membership year extends from July 2010 through June 30, 2011.

If you have friends who have retired, invite them to one of our meetings or send me their names and addresses and I will send a membership information packet.

Life members do not pay the FREA dues of \$30.00, but DO pay the \$15.00 annual dues to the local unit - BCREA.

Reminder: Members who have Pioneer Insurance Medi-Gap Supplemental Insurance must pay their dues by June 1, 2010.

Remember to check the BCREA website at <http://browardrea.org> and the FREA website at <http://frea.org>.

Broward County Retired Educators Association 2010 - 2011 Membership Application

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

SS # : XXX - XX- _____ (last 4 digits only) Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Date Retired: _____ Retired From: _____

Position: _____

Dues: \$45.00 Donation for Scholarships: \$ _____ Total enclosed: _____

Please make check payable to **BCREA** and mail to: Mrs. Susan Lochrie
PO Box 30533
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33303



From l to r: New members Eulalee Burke and Michael Kogan; and first time attendee John Drag who has been a member for a few years but hadn't made it to a meeting.

*Happy Birthday to our
Birthday Club
(members over 85!)*

May

- Sara C. Essig 5/10*
- Alphonso Giles 5/02*
- Elisebeth Greene 5/21*
- Lizzie Johnson 5/21*
- William Kaelin 5/24*
- Ethel Pappy 5/27*

June

- Glenn Sanderson 6/03*
- Jackie Cisco 6/06*
- Dorothy Puckett 6/09*
- Eleanor Travers 6/25*
- And turning 85 on 6/14*

Kathlyn Barno

July

- Felicia Tranconi 7/21*
- And turning 85 on 7/10*
- Harriette J. Hadley*

August

- Helen Mitchell 8/05*
- Ruth Edwards 8/07*
- Ruth Travers 8/8*
- Cora Ashley 8/23*
- Jane Leone 8/27*

September

- Margaret Lerro 9/15*
- Mary Weber 9/24*

Thinking of You

- Kathlyn Barno*
- Johnee Bentley*
- Betty Deacon*
- Darcy Drago*
- Ed Elder*
- Elizabeth Johnson*

Welcome New Members

- Linda Ann Abrams*
- Eulalee Burke*
- Marvalyn Davis*
- Michael Kogan*
- Peggy Tingle*

Bring this to our next meeting or mail it to:

Darcia Drago
4346 Carambola Circle North
Coconut Creek, FL 33066

BCREA VOLUNTEER REPORTING FORM

Name _____
(Please Print)

Month _____, 200_____

LITERACY VOLUNTEER HOURS:

Teaching Sunday School, reading to children/adults; tutoring; helping with testing programs, etc; Includes any activities to promote a more literate America. TOTAL _____

WORKING WITH OUR YOUTH:

School, tutoring, mentoring, coaching etc. (Persons 25 years of age or younger. TOTAL: _____

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:

Church, civic, hospital / hospice, personal help to others (non-relatives), school, drug, ecology / environment. TOTAL: _____

Overlapping categories should be reported in both places.

GRAND TOTAL: _____

Scholarship Donations

Donor

Doris Cotnoir
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Darcia Drago
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Rita Wolfson

In Memory Of

Kathy Gosnell
Joyce Laswell
Carol Prescott
Robert Causley
Jeri Oglesby
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Robert Causley

Donations to General Scholarship Fund

Susan Barber
Maureen Dinnen
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Donald Fry
William Gilmartin
Joan McCabe
Beverley Merrill
Rosemary Hart-Rawls
Peggy Tingle

Mary Jo Bell
Michele Edards
Elizabeth Freeman
Kathryn Gaus
Winifred Graham
Georgia MacVean
Jane Nester
Betty L. Smith
Frances Welch



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969 S E 6 Terrace Pompano Beach, FL 33060



Information for the 2011 Transatlantic cruise to the Baltic will be available shortly. Keep in touch and remember to send me your name, telephone number, address and e-mail address as you express your interest for all trips.

TRAINS & CANYONS OF THE SOUTHWEST, 9 days in the Fall of 2010 or Spring of 2011..

CENTRAL AND EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISE—Paris to Prague September or October cruise begins in Paris on the River Seine and cruises along Moselle and Rhine Rivers visiting Bernkastel, Coblenz, Rhine Gorge-Rudesheim, Miltenberg, Wurzburg, Bamberg, Nuremberg—Prague, Czech Republic on the Vitava River.

RUSSIAN RIVER CRUISE, 11 days, Moscow, Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral, Kremlin, Volga River, Kizhi Island, St. Petersburg, Hermitage Museum, Catherine Palace, June 18, July 7 ++

LONDON & PARIS, 8 days, London Theatre Performance, Eurostar Train, Seine River Cruise, Notre Dame, Eiffel Tower Dinner, Paradis Latin. June 24, July 15 ++

SHADES OF IRELAND, 10 days, Dublin, Irish Evening, Kilkenny, Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle, Jaunting Car Ride, Ring of Kerry, Farm Visit, Limeick, Cliffs of Moher and Castle Stay, July 6++

An Old Fashioned Christmas PA or **NEW ENGLAND**

TREASURE, 5 days December 2010++

WONDERS OF ICELAND, 8 days, Reykavik, Skaftafell National Park etc, July 19 ++

NATIONAL PARKS, 12 days, including many of our parks from Scottsdale to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, 2010 and 2011 available May through September.

***Prices include air from most airports in Florida**, but airfare prices are available from other cities. Reasonable single rates are available. Insurance is available for all trips. If you need a roommate, please let me know.

You can reach me 24/7 and the goal is to enjoy yourselves while supporting the Scholarship Fund! Remember our travel is available to everyone so if you know a group that would like information and would like to travel with us, just let me know.

Arline

Cultural Affairs

Chairman: Michele Edwards

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Thank you to the 25 who purchased tickets to **SUDS** at 2pm on Saturday, April 17 in the Broward Stage Door Theatre located at: 8036 West Sample Road, Coral Springs, FL 33065, 954-344-7765. I will hand out tickets in front of the theatre between 1:30 and 1:45 pm; see you there! I hoped we'd outdo ourselves and sell a double order of 40 tickets but that lofty goal will have to wait for next season! On March 21, **Margarite Falconer** and I attended the unveiling of the 2010-2011 Broward cultural season at the BCPA. We are looking for a good jazz/Dixieland performance for our music event - let me know what you know! **Laffing Matterz** could be a fun dinner/theatre event and we are looking at **Burn the Floor** (a tribute to ballroom dance ala Astaire & Rogers). Please provide input about these suggestions and anything you think would make a worthy event for BCREA. I will continue to publicize art events for your

information and attendance. Don't forget our goal, to get our members to participate with BCREA in one art, one dance, one music and one theatre event each year. We have made great strides annually but we have a long way to go so... climb on the Cultural Activity wagon and reap the rewards!

Drowsy Chaperone is a come-out-feelin'-good musical that plays at the Broward Stage Door Theatre June 11 - July 25, 2010. I highly recommend the show; make a day of it with lunch/dinner for you and your family/friends. For ticket information call 954-344-7765.

A few attendees made me aware of the **SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch** - Downtown Fort Lauderdale's Riverwalk becomes a jazz domain on the first Sunday each month with multiple stages along historic New River.

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Two of our members were mentioned in the *Sun-Sentinel* recently.

Social Chairman

Lorene Broxton was

featured in an article and photos in the *Forum* because of her frog collection numbering over 400. **Alzora Simmons** was mentioned because she's a member of "Dolls for World Peace" at the Springtree Retirement Center. The group of 25 senior citizens has made more



than 24,000 dolls - such as these pictured -

to be sent to children in Darfur and Haiti. For more information on the work they do, go to: <http://www.dollsforworldpeace.org/> **Claudia Finlayson** who retired from Walker Elementary is now living in River Hills, WI. She sent a nice note to let us know she enjoys reading her Newsletter and receiving her Birthday Club cards! Thanks to Sunshine Chairman **Shirley Paoli** for sending those cards.

Bev's Bytes.....



Toni Merton sent a note to let us know that **Elizabeth Johnson** has been moved to John Knox's Health Center. Ruth Travers called to say that **Betty Deacon** broke her hip and has been in hospital and rehab but hopes to be home soon. Condolences to **Darcy Drago** whose long-time companion **Bob Causley** succumbed to pancreatic cancer last month. You may have noticed **Kathlyn Barno's** column is missing from this Newsletter as she's been under the weather. Some good news - **Diane Jarchow's** daughter **Christine** and her husband **Steve** are expecting their 2nd child in August. There were 46 members and friends at the April meeting. Winners of this month's Scholarship Raffle were **Michele Edwards** (\$20); **Bev Hoppe** (\$20) and **Marelise LeClerc** (\$10). Please remember that we always have LOTS of guests at the May meeting - and increase the amount of your pot-luck contribution!

And that's the last byte for this year!

Bev

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11 Attend Florida Follies Celebrate

by Michele Edwards

Florida Follies Celebrate provided an invigorating experience. What was the added plus? Knowing that our ticket purchases aided the Follies in attaining their 10th Anniversary goal, \$100,000.00 for their kid's charities! **Josephine Walker** and I joked about starting a BCREA dance team; everyone agreed that watching those 60-92 year old women "kick-up-their-heels" made us feel guilty about our lack of activity and inspired us to go home and get moving.



Tom & Faye Mullarkey; Diane Texter; Anne French



Barbara Morningstar, Mel Wenig



Doris Cotnoir, Josephine, Rita Weiss



Jackie Crammer, Michele



Joanne Davis, Nancy Howell

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Picnic baskets, blankets, chairs, dogs and children add to festivities. Call (954) 828-5363 for more information.

ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS & CRAFTERS!!!

This year the display for the state assembly in May is to showcase the talents of you/our members! If you paint, crochet, write poetry, quilt, sew, whatever... please bring a sample that can be carried in a box in **Margarite's** trunk to the assembly at St. Pete. I provided a homemade "tea cozy", Margarite will provide a sampling of her jewelry and we need some of you to provide the

rest of the display. Please do not provide irreplaceable items as the display room in the hotel is left open all day. Items will be collected at the May meeting to go to the assembly.

Since no one has offered to fill the Cultural Affairs Chair for 2010-2011, I will do my best to arrange for one more season of events. I hope to actually get to attend all of the events I plan in the future; sometimes life gets in the way!

Have a wonderful summer, share your ideas with me before September 2010 (e-mail, write, or call), and join in!

Michele

Seen at the April Meeting



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